

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Applicant:

JAMES E. TURNER et al

Serial No.: 535,967

Filed: June 8, 1990

For: NICOTINE-IMPERMEABLE
CONTAINER AND METHOD OF
FABRICATING THE SAME

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Group Art Unit: 332

Examiner: J. Doyle

AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 10, 1991, please
amend the application identified above as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-11, and replace it with the following
claims:

535,967 A nicotine delivery system with an extended shelf
life, containing a measured amount of nicotine which can
selectively be made accessible to a user, comprising:

(a) a container formed of a material which is
effectively impermeable to nicotine and oxygen;

(b) a carrier in the container for carrying a measured
amount of nicotine in a state which can supply nicotine in vapor
form to a user, said carrier being maintained in the container in
an effectively oxygen-free environment;

(c) access means for selectively providing the user with
access to the interior of the container; and

(d) differential pressure means for allowing a
differential pressure to be applied to the carrier for releasing
nicotine in vapor form through said access means when the interior
of the container is made accessible to the user.

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